in sequence following the numeral indicating intermediate bulk container design type. The first letter indicates the material of the intermediate bulk container inner receptacle. The second letter indicates the material of the outer intermediate bulk container. For example, 31HA1 is a composite intermediate bulk container with a plastic inner receptacle and a steel outer packaging.

§ 178.703 Marking of intermediate bulk containers.

(a) The manufacturer shall:

(1) Mark every intermediate bulk container in a durable and clearly visible manner (applied in a single line or in multiple lines provided the correct sequence is followed) with the following information in the sequence presented:

(i) The United Nations symbol as illustrated in §178.503(d)(1). For metal intermediate bulk containers on which the marking is stamped or embossed, the capital letters 'UN' may be applied instead of the symbol.

(ii) The code number designating intermediate bulk container design type according to §178.702(a) (1) and (2).

(iii) A capital letter identifying the performance standard under which the design type has been successfully tested, as follows:

(A) X—for intermediate bulk containers meeting Packing Group I, II and III tests;

(B) Y—for intermediate bulk containers meeting Packing Group II and III tests; and

(C) Z—for intermediate bulk containers meeting only Packing Group III tests.

(iv) The month (designated numerically) and year (last two digits) of manufacture.

(v) The country authorizing the allocation of the mark. The letters 'USA' indicate that the intermediate bulk container is manufactured and marked in the United States in compliance with the provisions of this subchapter.

(vi) The name and address or symbol of the manufacturer or the approval agency certifying compliance with subparts N and O of this part. Symbols, if used, must be registered with the Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety.

(vii) The stacking test load in kilograms (kg). For intermediate bulk containers not designed for stacking, the figure ''0'' must be shown.

(viii) The maximum permissible gross mass or, for flexible intermediate bulk containers, the maximum net mass, in kg.

(2) The following are examples of symbols and required markings:

(i) For a metal intermediate bulk container containing solids discharged by gravity made from steel:

11A/Y/02 92/USA/ABC/5500/1500

(ii) For a flexible intermediate bulk container containing solids discharged by gravity and made from woven plastic with a liner:

13H3/Z/03 92/USA/ABC/0/1500

(iii) For a rigid plastic intermediate bulk container containing liquids, made from plastic with structural equipment withstanding the stack load and with a manufacturer's symbol in place of the manufacturer's name and address:

31H1/Y/04 93/USA/M9399/10800/1200

(iv) For a composite intermediate bulk container containing liquids, with a rigid plastic inner receptacle and an outer steel body and with the symbol of a DOT approved third-party test laboratory:

31HA1/Y/05 93/USA/+ZT1235/10800/1200

(b) *Additional marking.* In addition to markings required in paragraph (a) of this section, each intermediate bulk container must be marked as follows in a place near the markings required in paragraph (a) of this section that is readily accessible for inspection. Where units of measure are used, the metric unit indicated (e.g., 450 liters) must also appear.

(1) For each rigid plastic and composite intermediate bulk container, the following markings must be included:

(i) Rated capacity in liters of water at 20 °C (68 °F);

(ii) Tare mass in kilograms;

(iii) Gauge test pressure in kPa;

(iv) Date of last leakproofness test, if applicable (month and year); and

(v) Date of last inspection (month and year).

(2) For each metal intermediate bulk container, the following markings must be included on a metal corrosion-resistant plate:

(i) Rated capacity in liters of water at 20 °C (68 °F);

(ii) Tare mass in kilograms;

(iii) Date of last leakproofness test, if applicable (month and year);

(iv) Date of last inspection (month and year);

(v) Maximum loading/discharge pressure, in kPa, if applicable;

(vi) Body material and its minimum thickness in mm; and

(vii) Serial number assigned by the manufacturer.

(3) Markings required by paragraph (b)(1) or (b)(2) of this section may be preceded by the narrative description of the marking, e.g. ''Tare Mass: * * *''

where the ''* * *'' are replaced with the tare mass in kilograms of the intermediate bulk container.

(4) For each fiberboard and wooden intermediate bulk container, the tare mass in kg must be shown.

(5) Each flexible intermediate bulk container may be marked with a pictogram displaying recommended lifting methods.

(6) For each composite intermediate bulk container, the inner receptacle must be marked with at least the following information:

(i) The code number designating the intermediate bulk container design type, the name and address or symbol of the manufacturer, the date of manufacture and the country authorizing the allocation of the mark as specified in paragraph (a) of this section;

(ii) When a composite intermediate bulk container is designed in such a manner that the outer casing is intended to be dismantled for transport when empty (such as, for the return of the intermediate bulk container for reuse to the original consignor), each of the parts intended to be detached when so dismantled must be marked with the month and year of manufacture and the name or symbol of the manufacturer.

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§ 178.704 General intermediate bulk container standards.

(a) Each intermediate bulk container must be resistant to, or protected from, deterioration due to exposure to the external environment. Intermediate bulk containers intended for solid hazardous materials must be siftproof and water-resistant.

(b) All service equipment must be so positioned or protected as to minimize potential loss of contents resulting from damage during intermediate bulk container handling and transportation.

(c) Each intermediate bulk container, including attachments, and service and structural equipment, must be designed to withstand, without loss of hazardous materials, the internal pressure of the contents and the stresses of normal handling and transport. An intermediate bulk container intended for stacking must be designed for stacking. Any lifting or securing features of an intermediate bulk container must be of sufficient strength to withstand the normal conditions of handling and transportation without gross distortion or failure and must be positioned so as to cause no undue stress in any part of the intermediate bulk container.

(d) An intermediate bulk container consisting of a packaging within a framework must be so constructed that:

(1) The body is not damaged by the framework;

(2) The body is retained within the framework at all times; and

(3) The service and structural equipment are fixed in such a way that they cannot be damaged if the connections between body and frame allow relative expansion or movement.

(e) Bottom discharge valves must be secured in the closed position and the discharge system suitably protected from damage. Valves having lever closures must be secured against accidental opening. The open or closed position of each valve must be readily apparent. For each intermediate bulk container containing a liquid, a secondary means of sealing the discharge aperture must also be provided, e.g., by a blank flange or equivalent device.

(f) Intermediate bulk container design types must be constructed in such a way as to be bottom-lifted or top-lifted as specified in §§ 178.811 and 178.812.

§ 178.705 Standards for metal intermediate bulk containers.

(a) The provisions in this section apply to metal intermediate bulk containers intended to contain liquids and solids. Metal intermediate bulk container types are designated:

(1) 11A, 11B, 11N for solids that are loaded or discharged by gravity.

(2) 21A, 21B, 21N for solids that are loaded or discharged at a gauge pressure greater than 10 kPa (1.45 psig).

(3) 31A, 31B, 31N for liquids or solids.

(b) Definitions for metal intermediate bulk containers:

(1) *Metal intermediate bulk container* means an intermediate bulk container